

## City of Madison

### Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Call to Order:** Mayor Paul Dean called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Council members present: Jody Thomas, Earl Murphy, Daryl May, and Nick Cherry. Nick attended via video communication. Samantha Watts was absent.

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart and City Treasurer, Michael Bartlow. Michael attended via video communication.

Public: There was no public in attendance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Daryl made the first motion. Earl seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Minutes for September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting:** Daryl made the first motion. Jody seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Accounts Payable:** Daryl made the first motion. Jody seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### Open Forum

There were no comments

**Clerk and Treasurer Reports:** Michael Bartlow presented the August 2020 financial reports. He reported that the city's cash balance is \$501,217.67, all funds are in the black, and there is \$150,000.00 for capital improvement expenditures. It was commented by the Council to start looking at city water rates and speak with Mike Peroo, the city's auditor, to see if the water rate is where it needs to be.

**Reports from the Governing Body:** The Council approved repair costs in the amount of \$7,196.10 for a pump at the lift station. Earl made the first motion. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The Council also discussed manhole relining work, installing security cameras at the lake, and hiring Wellnitz to remove a dead tree limb at the park.

The new Buffalo Heights development project was discussed. No decisions were made. Mayor Paul Dean expressed that new lots would be an incentive to get people to move to town and it would also increase the valuation of Madison. He stated that people want bigger lots rather than building on existing small lots and that they also want to be able to build their own houses. He also mentioned that the city may not need to install a lift station and that instead of hiring businesses for everything that needs done, the City can manage some of the work, such as constructing a road, in order to lower the cost of development. However, the sewer line plans will have to be approved by a hired engineer. The Council would like to hear more public comment on the project.

**Adjournment:** Daryl made the first motion. Jody seconded. Motion carried 4-0.